BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:
STRENGTHENING OUR CONTINUUM OF MEDICAID MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
REDESIGN LEADERSHIP

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FOUNDATIONAL INITIATIVES & SYSTEMS MOMENTUM

Opportunity for Redesign in our Commonwealth
Behavioral Health in the Commonwealth of Virginia
*Opportunity for Redesign*

Medicaid is the largest payer of behavioral health services in Virginia

28% of Medicaid members had either a primary or secondary behavioral health diagnoses

$\text{40}^{\text{th}}$ in the county for overall mental health outcomes

$\text{47}^{\text{th}}$ in the country for children’s mental health outcomes
Medicaid Expenditures on Community-Based Medicaid Mental Health Services

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Foundational Initiatives:  
*Momentum for Redesign*

**STEP Virginia**

- STEP-VA services will improve access, increase quality, build consistency and strengthen accountability across Virginia’s public behavioral health system.

- A strong public behavioral health system provides a necessary foundation
When STEP VA is fully implemented, the public mental health system will have achieved accessibility, consistency, quality and accountability as a necessary foundational support for behavioral health services.

Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign will provide the network of support for STEP VA for long term sustainability to ensure access to essential services is met.
STEP VA meets the essential needs of individuals through the public mental health system.

The remaining proportion of mental health needs will be met through the system redesign.

Both transformative efforts provide and enhance services through the continuum meeting the needs of all populations.
Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS)

Transformation of the Delivery System of Medicaid SUD Services

- Transformed the Medicaid benefit and services using national American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria
- Increased Medicaid reimbursement for evidence-based treatment

ARTS is carved into Managed Care plans to create a fully integrated physical and behavioral health continuum of care
Further Momentum for Redesign

• Family First Prevention Act Implementation
• Governor’s Cabinet focus on Trauma Informed Care
• Department of Juvenile Justice Transformation
• Medicaid Expansion
• SJ 47 Deeds Commission
VISION AND PARTNERSHIP

Implementing the evidence base in community mental health
Our Vision of Redesign:  
A comprehensive spectrum of behavioral health services

• In collaboration with stakeholders’ clinical input, our goal is to develop recommendations for a comprehensive system redesign plan for Medicaid behavioral health services

• Our vision for this system:
  ▪ Improved behavioral health outcomes for members
  ▪ A shift in our collective energies
  ▪ Manifestation of trauma-informed principles across member, provider, and system
  ▪ Reflective of the evidence for what works in community mental health
  ▪ Mindful of the evolving needs for members across the lifespan
Our Vision of Redesign:
A full spectrum of behavioral health services


*Goal: Reduction in relapse and recurrence
Conduct, analyze, and disseminate research to inform policy development and implementation

Provide technical, adaptive, and leadership assistance for integrating care across health and health systems

Convene stakeholders and decision makers to improve health and healthcare together

Partner with communities, state and federal agencies, and foundations to catalyze action

Synthesize and apply evidence to policy to bridge the gap between what we know and what we do
Farley Center’s work in Virginia: Key findings

In FY17, 28% of Medicaid members had either primary or secondary behavioral health diagnoses.

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Medicaid members with behavioral health diagnoses had 1.34+ million visits across multiple care settings.
Farley Center’s work in Virginia: Recommendations

- **Alignment**: regional and agency strategies
- **Accountability**: connect measures for high quality services to resource allocation
- **Access**: recognize all points of entry to support a continuum of care from prevention to treatment and recovery
1. Review best practices for Medicaid mental health services across the lifespan from research literature and state case studies

2. Analyze service gaps for the Virginia Medicaid population

3. Enlist stakeholders’ input throughout process to shape recommendations for a continuum of care and next steps

4. Develop recommendations for a continuum of evidence-based, trauma-informed, and preventive-focused Medicaid community mental health services

5. Identify individual and population level metrics and quality outcomes

6. Assess DBHDS licensing and regulations to ensure quality and accountability
Anticipated Outcomes

• **Alignment:**
  - Recommendations to align Medicaid behavioral health services with DBHDS licenses to create a continuum of evidence-based, trauma-informed, prevention-focused and cost-effective service options for members across the lifespan

• **Accountability**
  - Recommendations on outcome measures that incentivize high quality services in least restrictive environments

• **Access**
  - Recommendations to expand access through a “no wrong door” approach for members across a full array of services delivered in settings where they naturally present for support.
  - Recommendations to expand access to service types and therapeutic interventions that are best practices and well-matched to members’ level of impairment / support need.
An Example of Filling the Gap: Integrated Physical & Behavioral Health Care

Oregon Coordinated Care Organizations

- In 2012, Oregon transformed its Medicaid program through an innovative 1115 waiver with CMS
  - $1.9 billion up front to reduce spending by 2% without diminished quality
- 6 years into implementation, there are 15 CCOs

Coverage up 65%
Improved access
Improved satisfaction

ED Visits down 22%
Significant reduction in admissions for chronic disease
Behavioral Health Redesign Workgroup

Stakeholder Categories

• Member Advocacy Groups
• Provider Associations
• Professional Organizations
  ▪ by discipline area
• Managed Care Organizations
• State Agencies
Purpose of the Workgroup

• To establish a venue for open communication regarding systems redesign
• To strengthen our collective, collaborative partnership as these will be central to the success of redesign
• To share information on our current work and intentions over the coming months
Workgroup Progress

Meetings and Activities

- October 2\textsuperscript{nd}: Initial Meeting and Gaps Activity
- October 23\textsuperscript{rd}: Follow Up Meeting and Bright Spots Identification
- Stakeholder Survey Launch \textit{Anticipated 11/9/18}
- November 27\textsuperscript{th}: Preliminary Survey Results
- December: TBD
- \textit{Ongoing Implementation Partnership}
Timeline: Preparation for Redesign

- **September 2018**: Drs. Aplasca & Ward begin in their roles
- **Oct-Nov 2018**: Evidence Review & Service Gap Analysis
- **December 2018**: Recommendations for Continuum
  - Seek Regulatory Authority for Redesign
- **Spring 2019**: Develop recommendations for measures and metrics; licensing and regulations
  - Implementation Planning
  - Workgroup Engagement
- **January 2020**: Phased Implementation Begins
Timeline: Stakeholders and Processes

- **July 2018**: Listening Session for Providers and MCOs with Farley Center Staff
- **October 2018**: Convene Behavioral Health Redesign Workgroup
- **Nov-Dec 2018**: Stakeholder Survey
Questions?

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